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PATENT Atty Docket No. KLAC0012

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

CHRISTOPHER FAIRLEY, ET AL.

Title: CONFOCAL WAFER INSPECTION

METHOD AND APPARATUS

Serial No.: 09/533,203

Filed: MARCH 23, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Eric J. Spears

LETTER - REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT REFUND

PTO Office of Finance Crystal Park 1 Suite 307 Arlington, VA 22202 Attn: Latrice Sims

Re: Deposit Account 502026

Ms. Sims:

Attorneys for Applicants in the above-entitled case were advised by personnel in the Deposit Account division to prepare and transmit this letter to your attention.

This is in regard to Smyrski & Livesay, LLP Deposit Account 502026, and particularly the two charges totaling \$558 dated September 4, 2002. A copy of the Monthly Statement for Deposit Account 502026 is attached as Exhibit A.

For U.S. Patent Application 09/533,203, prior to the amendment submitted on June 28, 2002, Applicants had paid for 33 total claims including 4 independent claims.

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The June 28, 2002 amendment added 17 claims including 3 new independent claims, for a total of 50 claims with 7 independent.

All papers submitted with the June 28, 2002 amendment are reflected in the Certificate of Mailing, attached hereto as Exhibit B. The increase in number of claims was reflected in the Patent Application Fee Determination Record submitted with the June 28 amendment, Exhibit B hereto. The increase in claims resulted in an additional fee of \$558, shown in the Patent Application Fee Determination Record of Exhibit C. Applicants paid the additional \$558 claim fee by check on June 28, 2002. Exhibit D shows check 5085 in the amount of \$558 transmitted to the PTO on June 28, 2002. Also illustrated in Exhibit D is the return postcard received showing receipt of check 5085 by OIPE on July 8, 2002.

Applicants submit that they paid for all additional claims on June 28, 2002, and that the charge of \$558 on September 4, 2002 to Deposit Account 502026 was incorrect. Had it not been for this errant \$558 charge, the balance for Deposit Account 502026 would not have dropped below \$1000 and no Service Charge would apply. Applicants request full and immediate refund of the \$558 plus the \$25 Service Fee, a total of \$583, to Deposit Account 502026.

Should the PTO Office of Finance have any questions in this regard, it is requested that the Office of Finance contact the undersigned attorney, preferably by telephone, to discuss this matter and resolve any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 13, 2002

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Exhibit A



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